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Transmittal Form for Bills Approved by the Faculty Senate

From: The Chairman, Faculty Senate
 To: The President, Dr. Francis H. Horn
 Enclosure

- The attached resolution, entitled RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE
ON STUDENT DISCIPLINE -- Changes in the Scholastic Integrity Committee
and creation of a Scholastic Integrity Board of Appeals.
 is hereby forwarded to you for your consideration.
- The official original and 2 copies for your use are attached.
- This resolution was approved by vote of the Faculty Senate on
December 17, 1964
 (date) Reference: University Manual Chapter 6,
 Sections 1.22.52 and 1.22.53 (June, 1964)
- After your consideration, will you kindly indicate your approval
 or disapproval, as appropriate, and return it, completing the
 appropriate endorsement below.

December 29, 1964

(date)

H. Perry Jeffries
(Signature) Chairman, Faculty Senate.-----
Endorsement 1.

From: The President, University of Rhode Island
 To: The Chairman, Faculty Senate

- Returned. X
- Approved X. Disapproved _____.
- (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Trustees
 would not be desired by the Board and is unnecessary.

Jan. 2, 1965

(date)

Francis H. Horn
(Signature) President, Univ. of R.I.-----
Received1/4/65
(date)H. Perry Jeffries
(Signature) Chairman, Faculty Senate

Original forwarded to Secretary of the Senate and Registrar, E. Farrell,
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(date)

H. Perry Jeffries
(Signature) Chairman, Faculty Senate

FACULTY SENATE

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT DISCIPLINE

TO: The Faculty Senate

FROM: The Faculty Senate Committee on Student Discipline

RE: Changes in the Faculty Manual at page 83

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I. That the following editorial changes be made in S 3.32: (1.22.52) of June, 1964, edition of Manual.

- a. line 1 - omit the word "probable".
- b. insert the words "as the result of such offense" after "penalty."
- c. insert the word "Dismissal" after the word "course."

II. Reword S 3.33 (1.22.53) to read:

Committee. The Scholastic Integrity Committee shall have the same membership as the Board on Student Discipline. In addition, there shall be a Scholastic Integrity Committee Board of Appeals. This Board shall have the same membership as the Student Discipline Board of Appeals. The grounds for appeal to such Board shall be the same as those provided for the Student Discipline Board of Appeals and the powers of such Board shall be the same as the powers of the Student Discipline Board of Appeals.

COMMITTEE REASONING:

- I. It was the opinion of this Committee that the editorial changes contained in the first recommendation clarify the present wording. It was also accepted that "dismissal" might be appropriate, particularly in cases of repeated offenses, and should be included within the powers of the Scholastic Integrity Committee.
- II. Recommendation II substantially changes the membership and the method of appointment of the Committee on Scholastic Integrity and provides a Board of Appeal not previously included.

The Committee submits that since it is necessary that certain basic legal requirements be complied with where serious penalties may be invoked against a student that the same procedures and protections should be afforded the student in matters involving "cheating" as are provided for other disciplinary offenses.

The Committee submits the duplication in the membership of these Boards will provide the University with individuals experienced in sifting evidence and resolving conflicts; that this duplication will provide individuals able to relate the problems of Scholastic offenses to the total disciplinary situation at the University and thus provide a balance in the determination of punishment not otherwise possible. Uniformity of action and punishment are essential to the maintenance of good student discipline at the University and the assurance to the student of justice of the same type for all offenses is expected to result in more uniform observance to the regulations imposed.

It is submitted that the membership of the present Scholastic Integrity Committee does not have the continuity essential to an effective Board since its membership changes from hearing to hearing. Also, it is assembled rather infrequently and thus does not build up a body of experience, thereby increasing the possibility of lack of uniformity and consistency in its rulings. In addition, the proficiency and speed for handling such matters is important in the rendering of prompt justice, and therefore, individuals of experience are essential.

In answer to the possible objection that a faculty prerogative in dealing with "cheaters" individually is being infringed, the committee submits that this recommended reorganization in no wise alters the rights or privileges of the faculty in this regard as they presently exist. It is also submitted, that the membership of the Boards is of the same breadth and quality as the present Scholastic Integrity Committee and the Committee can find no basis for anticipating that the contrary will be true.

EXHIBIT A

Sections of Faculty Manual as they should read if Recommendations I & II are approved.

- 1.22.52 Cheating. All cases of cheating involving a penalty as the result of such offense of failure in the course, dismissal, or suspension from the University are to be handled by the Scholastic Integrity Committee and should be reported immediately to the Dean of Students in the case of a ~~male~~ student and to the Associate Dean of Students in the case of a woman student. Other cases may be handled by the instructor in charge, provided that the student always may have the right of appeal to the Scholastic Integrity Committee.
- 1.22.53 Committee. The Scholastic Integrity Committee shall have the same membership as the Board of Student Discipline. In addition, there shall be a Scholastic Integrity Committee Board of Appeals. This Board shall have the same ~~membership~~ as the Student Discipline Board of Appeals. The ground for appeal to such Board shall be the same as those provided for the Student Discipline Board of Appeals and the powers of such Board shall be the same as the powers of the Student Discipline Board of Appeals.